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Virginia Commission for the Arts Presents Statewide Application Assistance Workshops

JANUARY 5, 2010--The Virginia Commission for the Arts will present a series of statewide application assistance workshops to be held in January and February, 2010. Workshop locations include: Danville, Abingdon, Christiansburg, Harrisonburg, Richmond, Norfolk and Alexandria.

VCA Program Coordinator Cathy Welborn and Arts-in-Education Coordinator Elizabeth Cantile will provide an overview of grant programs, updates to the *Guidelines for Funding*, application and review procedures, as well as general tips on preparing competitive proposals in preparation for the March 1, 2010, and April 1, 2010, application deadlines.

Workshops are free and open to the public; pre-registration is not required. Attendance is not required in order to apply for Commission funding; however, workshops can be helpful for first-time applicants preparing requests for:

General Operating Support Grants for Arts Organizations; Services to the Field; Project Grants; Local Government Challenge Grants; Artist-In-Education Residencies; Technical Assistance Grants; Touring Assistance for Presenters; Performing Arts Tour Directory; Artist Roster; and Writers in Virginia.

Participants are encouraged to download the *2010-2011 Guidelines for Funding* as well as appropriate applications to bring to the workshop; www.arts.virginia.gov Persons requiring the services of an interpreter for the hearing impaired should contact the Commission office at least one week in advance of the workshop.

The Virginia Commission for the Arts is the state agency that supports the arts through funding from the Virginia General Assembly and the National Endowment for the Arts. The Commission distributes grants to arts and other not-for-profit arts organizations, educational institutions, educators, artists, and local governments.

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Virginia Commission for the Arts Grant Assistance Workshops will be held in the following locations: *(Note: for specific directions or details for parking for the workshop you wish to attend, please contact the host sites directly in advance of the meeting day.)*

January 11, 2010, 10am-12noon
Danville Museum of Fine Arts and
History
975 Main Street, Danville VA 24541
(434) 793-5644

January 12, 2010, 10am-12noon
William King Regional Arts Center
415 Academy Drive Northwest
Abingdon, VA 24210-2617
(276) 628-5005

January 13, 2010, 10am-12noon
Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library
125 Shelton Street
Christiansburg, VA 24073
(540) 382-6965

January 20, 2010, 10am-12noon
Harrisonburg Downtown Public Library
174 S. Main Street
Harrisonburg, VA 22801
(540) 434-4475

January 21, 2010, 10am-12noon
Crispus Attucks Theatre
1010 Church Street
Norfolk, Virginia 23510
(757) 622-4763

February 2, 2010, 10am-12noon
Richmond Triangle Players
1300 Altamont Avenue
Richmond, Virginia 23230
(804) 346-8113

February 4, 2010, 10am-12noon
The Athenaeum
Northern Virginia Fine Arts Association
201 Prince Street
Alexandria, VA 22314-3384
(703) 548-0035

For applications and more information about the
Virginia Commission for the Arts, visit www.arts.virginia.gov
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